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ill-effect of export of wheat on producers

†*307. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to some of the provisions of WTO, the countries importing foodgrains time and again have to open their markets to MNCs;

(b) if so, whether Government have studied the likely ill-effects on wheat producers as a result of its decision to export wheat for the second consecutive year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Unemployed persons registered in employment exchanges

*309 SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of unemployed persons registered in the various employment exchanges;

(b) the State-wise break-up; and

(c) the total number of employment opportunities created in the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The total number of job seekers, all of whom may not necessarily be unemployed, registered in the various employment exchanges in the country as on 31st May, 2007 was 413.7 lakh.

(b) The State-wise break-up of job seekers is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial National Sample Surveys carried out by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). Estimated employment, as per usual status approach has gone up to 459 million in 2004-05 from 397 million in 1999-2000. Employment opportunities for around 12.4 million persons have been created, on an average per year, during the above five years.

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